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MESSAGE:

Through an error, the attached letter did not get transmitted last week. I hope the comments will still be accepted.

Thank you,
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Dear Mr. Dabbs:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss the California Water Plan update at your recent workshop in San Luis Obispo.

We concur with our statewide organization's recommendations that conservation and recycling should be considered as a third Initiative, equal in importance to the current two Initiatives; and that the Water Plan must acknowledge that more efficient use and management of already existing supplies including water conservation, conjunctive use, and recycling - will represent a significant portion of the State's future water supplies.

In addition, at least 25 years ago, LWV-Santa Barbara adopted our own local position on water, which applies specifically to the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. Including updates, that position reads:

- Use of the following criteria in decision-making for development of water resources:
 - *environmental impacts
 - *economic impacts
 - *energy consumption
 - *enhancement of the quality of life
- Conservation, conjunctive use, [wastewater] reclamation, and desalination are the preferred supplemental sources based on the above criteria.

We also would appreciate inclusion of more information about our area in the Plan. Specifically,

- In the three-year comparison, add information on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.
- Add a dry year after several dry years (e.g., 2004), since we frequently experience multi-year droughts here.
- Include the planning implications of adjudicated groundwater basins (such as those in the Goleta Water District).

Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the workshop, and to submit these comments on the Plan.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kamhi, Co-President